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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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John Spencer  
Simplot Phosphates, LLC  
9401 North Highway 191  
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802

Subject: Approval of Revised Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and Reclamation Surety, Vernal Phosphate Company, Simplot Mine, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approves the revised Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) and associated reclamation surety for the Vernal Phosphate mine. The Division now permits you to begin mining operations as outlined in the Notice. The permitted disturbed area is 1,438 acres, which includes the newly permitted disturbance area of 565 acres that was the subject of the revision. The surety will be reviewed periodically to assure it remains adequate.

The approval or acceptance of a complete notice of intention does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed and executed surety bond forms for your files. Also enclosed is a stamped copy of the approved Notice for your files. The Division is also returning two duplicate copies of the Notice for a total of three copies being returned. Please keep the Notice current by submitting changes using Form MR-REV-att, which is located on the web at [www.ogm.utah.gov](http://www.ogm.utah.gov).

Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Revised Notice

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